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Cripps's Startling Budget

MORE TAXES ON WHISKEY, BEER AND TOBACCO

New Levy On Investments

London, Apr. 6.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps—the reputed “apostle of austerity”—today announced a “restricted pleasures” Budget. He imposed heavier taxes on beer, whiskey, wines and tobacco, and doubled the tax on football pools, the country's most popular form of gambling.

In his first Budget speech to a packed House of Commons on the financial and economic situation, Sir Stafford balances against these increases a more generous scale of allowances which will free many lower paid workers from income tax and reduce the tax payments of most “middle class” families with incomes of £350 to £500 a year.

He also announced changes in the purchase on sales tax—the tax on goods regarded as non-essential—which, he said, will cut prices by almost 10 per cent.

Those who draw income from investments will pay a new levy on a graduated scale, rising from 2/- in the pound sterling on income between £250 and £500, to 10/- in the pound sterling on incomes of £5,000.

Sir Stafford Cripps' new taxes will bring the price of whiskey to 33/10d a bottle compared with only 12/6d in 1939.

Beer, which before the war cost 8d a pint, will now cost 18d.

Cigarettes, now to cost 3/6d for 20, were sold at 1/1d for 20 in 1939.

The Budget increases the tax on football pools from 10 per cent to 20 per cent and imposes on bookmakers at greyhound racing tracks a graduated licensed duty for each meeting.

Goods which will be cheaper because of purchase tax cuts, include carpets, cutlery and sports goods. Half a million workers will cease

to pay income tax as a result of the increased allowances.

The first £135 of earnings will now be completely exempt from income tax, compared with £120 hitherto. The Budget also exempts from tax one-fifth of a person's total earnings, computed with one-sixth previously. On the first £50 of taxable income, a person will pay 3/- in the pound, as hitherto, but will then be allowed another £250—compared with £75 hitherto—at a 6/- in the pound tax before becoming liable to the full rate of 9/- in the pound.

The change means that a single man will be able to earn £8 17/6 a week and a married man with two children £13 8/6 a week before having to pay at the full 9/- in the

pound rate. Typical income tax payments will be: a married man with two children, earning £400—£3 a year tax instead of £8; a married man with one child, earning £500—£40 10s. instead of £63 5s.; a single man earning £500—£85 10s. instead of £110 10s.; married man without children earning £700—£126 instead of £155 5s.; married man with two children, earning £2,000—£540 instead of £628 5s.

The tall, spare figure of the Chancellor stood before a crowded House of Commons for two hours and 14 minutes to relate the new measures to combat inflation and encourage production. If his calculations prove correct, Britain will end the current financial year with a surplus of £778 million.

THE DANGER OF INFLATION

Warning that Britain could not afford to waste a moment in her efforts at recovery, he declared: “The great act of the United States in bringing into operation the European recovery programme gives us and the Western European countries time, but time is the scarcest commodity of all today, and we cannot afford to waste a moment of it.”

Sir Stafford also warned of the danger of inflation. “There can be no doubt that during the last year, many signs of inflationary pressure were to be observed.”

There would almost certainly be a net increase in inflationary tendencies this year as compared with last year.

“It is clear that, despite the large surplus of last year's budget, inflationary pressure has not decreased to any marked extent.”

“Therefore, Britain must secure an exceptionally large Budget surplus—big enough to yield a balance after all forms of Government expenditure have been met.”

“I hope my proposals would prove sufficient without weighing unduly

heavy on the taxpayers, but we must watch the situation and be able to detect the moment when inflationary pressure vanishes and gives place to deflation.”

“If such a thing happens, we must then make a rapid readjustment of our economic and financial policies.”

Sir Stafford announced that the total revenue for last year was £3,845 million—£346 million more than the revised Budget estimate of last October.

Of this, customs and excise duty produced £1,421 million—a surplus of £10 million over the estimate.

Beer and wines and spirits at £378 million showed a surplus of £8 million.

“UNFORTUNATE” SURPLUS
Tobacco too had “unfortunately” produced a surplus. Tobacco consumption had not gone down as the Government had hoped.

The excess over the estimate of £225 million had been £43 million, giving a total of £568 million for tobacco.

The new duty on football and dog race betting, which came into effect in January, brought in nearly £3,750,000, against the estimate of £3,000,000.

Of this, nearly £2,000,000 came from dog race totalisators, and the balance from football pools.

Income tax at £1,100 million was £104 million up—again a reflection of the increased profits and earnings and evidence of the inflationary tendencies in the previous year.

Including the taxation of the Supplementary Budget which Dr. Hugh Dalton, his predecessor, introduced to relieve inflationary tendencies, the expected surplus for 1947-1948 would have totalled £318 million.

“Instead,” Sir Stafford said, “the realised surplus has amounted to twice that sum—£636 million.”

Excluding the £22 million for the Sinking Fund, which, for technical reasons, appeared in the Budget expenditure of last year, the total estimated expenditure at £2,078 million—£205 million less than last April's estimate and £233 million less than the actual expenditure last year.

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RUSH HOUR IN PEDDER ST.



The rush hours in the city daily find vehicles and pedestrians in a tangle as each and all endeavour to make their way home. Our staff photographer caught this typical scene yesterday at 5 o'clock with two lanes of traffic converging down Pedder Street and office workers threading their way through stationary cars at the Pedder Street-Queen's Road intersection.

JEWS SLAY BRITISH SOLDIERS

Four Lined Up Against Guard Room Wall And Shot

Jerusalem, Apr. 6.—The commanding officer and five other ranks of the 12th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery, were shot down and killed by Jews today as they were evacuating the Army camp of Padress Hannah, between Tel-Aviv and Haifa, preparatory to leaving Palestine. Seven others were wounded.

The Jews, disguised as British police and driving two police-type armoured cars and a saloon, car, burst into the camp, where the soldiers were packing their kits and loading up evacuation lorries.

Racing wildly around the camp, they blazed at the soldiers with machine-guns.

The Jews also held up a sentry and forced him into the guard room, where he and three other soldiers were lined up against a wall and killed by gunfire.

SHOT IN THE BACK
The soldiers in the guard room were shot in the back, it was later learned.

Other Jews held up the signals clerk and blew up the radio mast.

According to official reports, the Jews took up strategic positions in the camp, and sent streams of fire in all directions.

During this firing, the commanding officer and one soldier were killed, and others wounded.

The Jews made off with 62 rifles, 28 Sten guns, 18 Bren guns and four anti-tank rifles, and a quantity of ammunition from the camp armoury.

CONVOY BREAKS BLOCKADE
Breaking through the Arab blockade, a large Jewish food convoy today reached the beleaguered Jewish colony in Old Jerusalem, lifting the threat of rationing from the 100,000 Jewish residents there.

It had got rough after a six-day running fight along the Tel-Aviv road, and its arrival was the signal for great rejoicing. At least 10 of the 40 armoured vehicles in the convoy were lost during heavy Arab attacks when they attempted to smash down Arab road blocks near Khulda 20 miles west of Jerusalem.

Later, reliable Arab sources reported that a striking force of armed Hagannah men attacked and captured the village of Khulda. The Arab sources said there were only comparatively few Arab guards in the village at the time.

While the convoy was fighting its way through, several Hagannah men had seized the Arab village of Castel, near Jerusalem, as part of the manoeuvre to break the blockade.

While British troops blew up the Arab road blocks, a strong Arab force developed a determined counter attack on the Hagannah force occupying the village, and the nearby

Suba quarries. It was semi-officially reported here.

JEWS FALL BACK
The report said that the Arabs had recaptured the Suba quarries, where over a 100 uniformed and steel helmeted Hagannah men had been entrenched.

Heavy fighting raged as the Jews fell back on Castel village, which the Arabs were trying to isolate.

A high tower at the quarries was blown up and some buildings were in flames as the Arabs and Jews battled with mortars and machine-guns.

Although the battle was raging at the side of the main Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway, military traffic on the highway was not interfered with.

The latest reports said the Arabs had built up a cordon around Mount Castel, five miles west of Jerusalem, had linked up their flanks and were advancing uphill to attack Castel.

The police station at Beit Dajan, on the main Jerusalem-Jaffa road, was attacked with mortar fire, but no casualties or damage was reported.

After four Arabs had been taken hostage by Jews at Petah Tikvah, east of Tel-Aviv, today, Arabs countered by seizing three Jews in Jerusalem.

The Arabs said the Jews would be held until the fate of the Arabs was known.—Reuter.

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“Key Money” Racketeers Openly Defying The Law

“REAL ESTATE AGENTS” WHO ADVERTISE

The “key money” racket which hitherto has been conducted in Hongkong surreptitiously, has now blossomed out into open defiance of the law.

A Telegraph reporter this week discovered four agencies in Kowloon brazenly advertising their willingness to obtain living accommodation on payment of commission from “key money.”

Ironically, one of these establishments was set up in a street at the rear of the Mongkok police station, and another was located little more than a stone's throw from the same station.

The other two agencies are located in the Yau-mat district just outside of the Mongkok-Yau-mat boundary.

These “real estate” agents advertise freely, sticking self-written posters on pillars, electric standards and vacant walls along Nathan Road. Their business is further made known by large posters standing or hanging outside the shop-fronts, bearing many small strips of paper containing scanty information concerning houses or flats, with their approximate location and layout that are ready to be “taken over.” Three of these establishments occupy the entrances to houses along Nathan Road while one has a more business-like set up with an office partition and two stained glass sign boards.

One flat in the “congested” area in Shanghai Street was offered for \$4,200 with a rental of \$95. The chance of shoring up a two or three rooms flat in Kowloon Street, near the ferry—a four room flat—called for \$22,000 and a monthly rental of \$200.

A sum of \$13,000 was demanded for a flat in Hankow Road, the rent of which was set at \$120 a month, and in Kimberley Road, \$18,000 for a four-roomed flat at \$200 rent.

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During the discussion, the agent disclosed that it was difficult to find clients to take over premises requiring large amounts above \$10,000.

Though there were on their posters many flats to be had, there were few rooms or cubicles offering. This is due to the fact that rooms are in a very great demand because less money is required for the tenancy.

For rooms and cubicles only, the agents charge a sum equivalent to a month's rent and are willing to reduce the commission if the rental is anywhere near \$200 a month.

Having gained the confidence of one of the agents by saying that he was a Shanghai friend who had plenty of gold bars to spend for accommodation, our reporter was able to obtain some information about the way these agencies operate.

10 PERCENT COMMISSION
It was learned that besides the large sums demanded for taking over any premises, the prospective tenants must also pay an additional ten percent on the “key money” to the agent as commission. There would be no fear of a prosecution, he was assured, as there would be no receipts issued in respect of any money transferred. This agent was willing to share the 10 percent with anyone who would introduce business to him, while another, who was not so generous, was only willing to part with one-third of his commission.

The highest tea money on his list was for a flat in Tak-Sing Street. These premises comprised one sitting or dining room and four other living rooms, servants' quarters and modern conveniences, were to be taken over for \$33,000 plus 10 percent (\$3,300) for the agent. The rent was stated to be \$400 a month. The

absence of rain is now so serious that further water restrictions may have to be introduced.

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Attempt To Wreck Bollaert's Train

Saigon, Apr. 6.—The French High Commissioner, Emile Bollaert, took the place of the engine-driver of his special train, on Tuesday, after three bombs were taken from the track.

The bombs, one of which was made from a 210-millimeter shell, were found on the Hanoi-Haliphong line just before Mr. Bollaert's train was due to pass.

The train was halted while they were moved.

Then Mr. Bollaert drove the train himself to the Haliphong viaduct, he was going to inspect.—Associated Press.

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During the day Field Marshal Montgomery conferred with General Robertson and his staff and with General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor. They discussed the general situation in Germany and Berlin.

Robertson also made known that he had demanded that Sokolovsky put in writing his oral assurances that planes of the Western Allies henceforth would not encounter any interference in the air corridors linking Berlin with the Western zones.

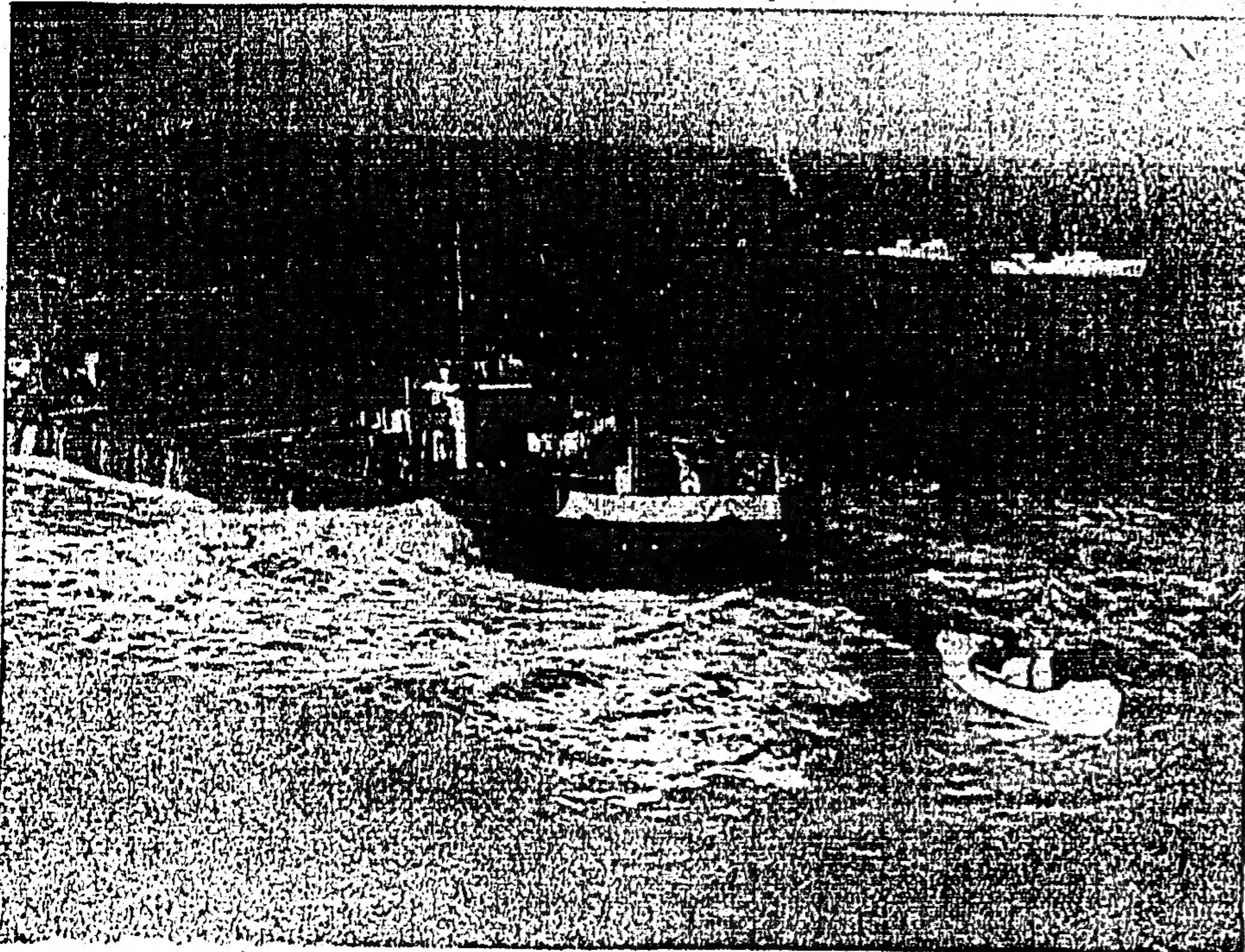
The British also were still awaiting a reply to their proposal that the Soviet restrictions, announced on March 31 on land passenger traffic to Berlin, be discussed in a full four power meeting.—Associated Press.

The press was barred from the dinner, and photographers even were

excluded from the grounds of the house.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



RESCUE—U.S. Coast Guard vessels hover around a small tanker grounded off Morehead City, North Carolina. Heavy seas and a high wind impeded rescue but the 21 men aboard the tanker were finally taken off in a breeches buoy.



AFTER PAPAL AUDIENCE—Ex-Queen Helen (left) of Rumania, mother of former King Michael, and Princess Renee De Bourbon-Parma, mother of Michael's fiancée, Princess Anne of Denmark, pass Swiss guards after an audience with Pope Pius XII in Vatican City. The mothers sought the Catholic Church's dispensation for the forthcoming royal marriage. Anne is said to be a Catholic while Michael is not.



LONG STEP—Ivan Taylor, 54, Chicago lift operator, returned from lunch and stepped into his lift. Someone had moved it. Taylor dropped 25 feet to the bottom of the shaft but escaped with minor injuries. Here firemen help him out.



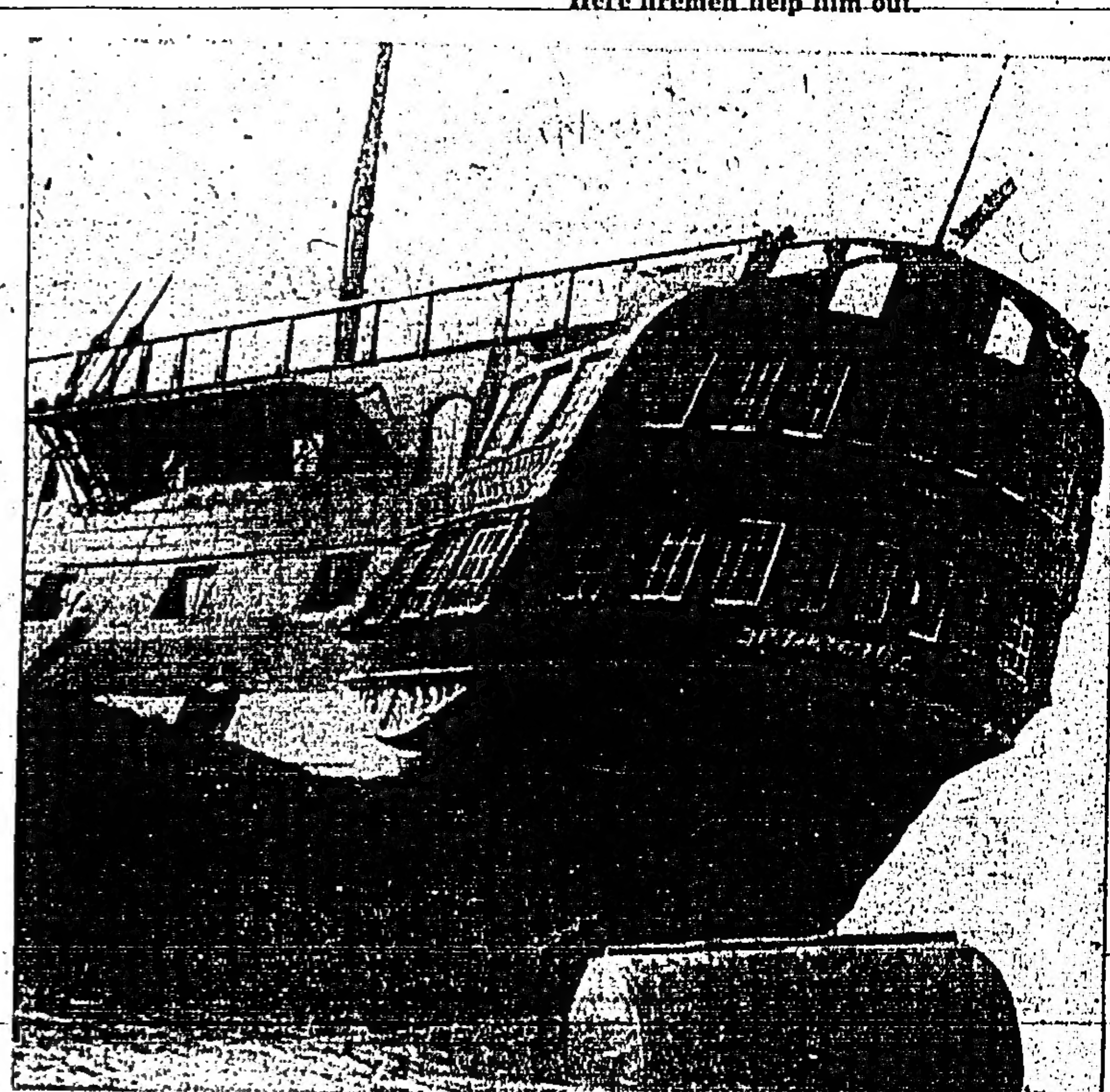
STYMIED—The Nelson children of Waukesha, Wisconsin, are looking forward to when they can begin contributing to the support of a five-year-old English girl. These four plus a sister, Bonnie, aged seven, who has scarlet fever, adopted the youngster. But they are stymied until the quarantine is lifted and they can start sending the US\$15 monthly support they promised.



SWIMMER—Sally Ann Howes, film actress, wears an attractive two-piece bathing suit of flowered nylon.



NEW VACCINE—Dr. Sol R. Rosenthal of the University of Illinois research hospital in Chicago, demonstrates how easy it is to administer a new vaccine, called BCG. The drug, it is reported, has shown promise in prevention of tuberculosis.



MAY DESTROY TRAFALGAR VETERAN—The Implacable, one of England's famed "wooden walls" that fought in the Battle of Trafalgar, may be destroyed. The Admiralty is considering breaking up this and other such old ships because of the heavy cost of maintenance and restoration. Restoration of the Implacable's hull alone would cost £125,000. The vessel, a 74-gun ship, is anchored in Portsmouth Harbour.



GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES—Mrs. Adolph Erickson, who already had 14 children, gave birth to these triplets at Duluth, Minnesota. The youngsters, (left to right) are Arnita Lee, three and a half pounds, Ardiss Lou, four pounds, and Arlene Lynn, five and a half.



10,000TH TRUCK—Henry Ford II, right, congratulates Erhard Vietger, manager of the Ford organization in Germany, as the 10,000th postwar truck leaves the company's factory in Cologne.



NOT SO SUNNY FLORIDA—Heavy seas and spray, driven by high winds, batter at a highway along the ocean near Miami. The storm gave winter visitors and Florida natives a taste of the weather that had plagued the northern U.S. this year. But it was only temporary; sunny skies and calm seas prevailed a few days later.

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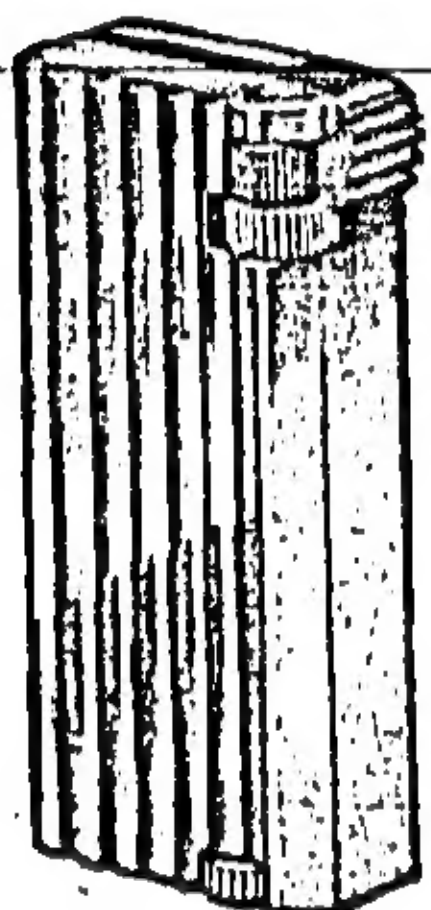
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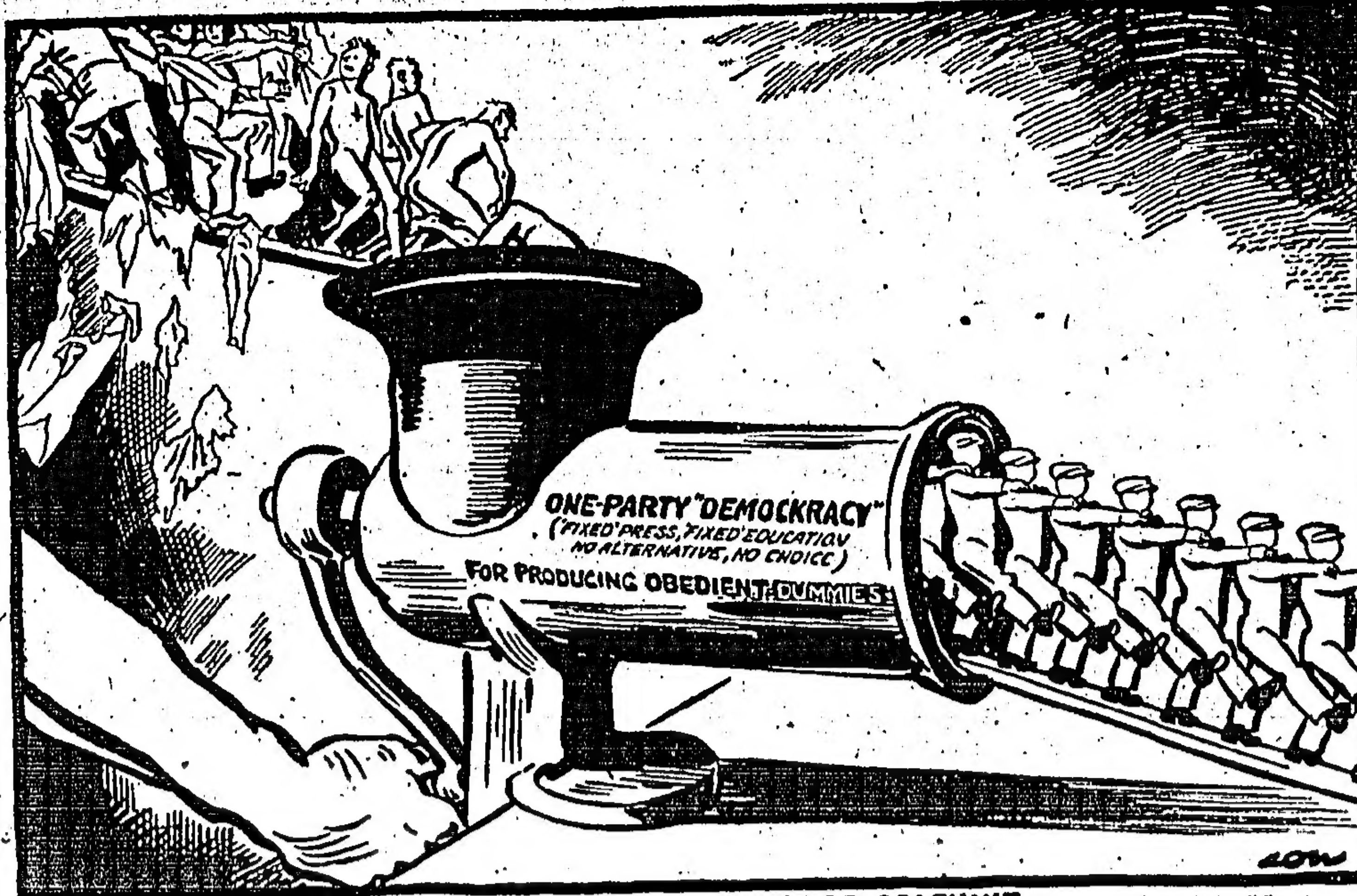
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Sitting on the Fence

by **NATHANIEL
GUBBINS**

MYSTERY no longer surrounds the reason why your poor Uncle Nat is constantly plagued with demands for income-tax he doesn't owe.

It was admitted in the House of Commons that Mr. Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector, takes his horrible forms home so that his family can help him to catch up on arrears of work.

In the Bloodsucker home the supper has been cleared away. Mr. Bloodsucker has covered the dining-room table with forms. His daughter, Vi, is curled up in an armchair with a film magazine, eagerly noting the amazing resemblance between herself and almost any film actress of prominence.

In the little kitchen Mrs. Bloodsucker, looking like a plump ghost half hidden in a cloud of steam, is dealing with the washing up.

"You girls ready for a little more work this evening?" asks Mr. B. in a loud, jolly voice. He always puts on this voice when he is nervous of his family.

Vi, who is combing her hair straighter to look more like Ann Todd, calls back through the steam: "I reckon the Government ought to pay us for it. Vi could do with a little pocket money."

"You'll get your reward in heaven," says Mr. B., with the air of a man who has thought of an original remark. "Oh, all right," says Mrs. B. "But you'll have to wait till I've dried my hands."

Vi says nothing. Clark Gable is teaching her the breast stroke in his private swimming pool in Beverly Hills.

Then Mrs. B. sits down opposite Mr. B., and the very first thing she comes across is the mass of correspondence dealing with the income-tax affairs of a man called N. Gubbins.

"Is this the man what writes for the News of the World?" she asks Mr. B.

"One of the Sunday papers," says Mr. B.

"And he gets more money than you?" asks Mrs. B., glancing through the forms and code numbers.

"Apparently," says Mr. B. "Just for that little bit," says Mrs. B., "and there's you writing all day and half the night. I call it a shame."

"Can't you charge him anything extra, Dad?" asks Vi. Clark Gable's hand felt so firm yet gentle under her chin. But she had to leave him with a mysterious, mocking smile because she had a lunch date with Tyrone Power.

"I can't go beyond the regulations," says Mr. B.

"You could cut down his allowances," says Mrs. B.

"That's a job for the Inspector of Taxes."

"Well, you could send him another final demand. He's always poking fun at you."

"A public man and civil servant has to put up with that sort of thing," says Mr. B. "It's one of the penalties of—ah—well, you know what I mean."

"Well, I shall send him one," says Mrs. B.

"And I shall pretend he's earned something he hasn't and send him another," says Vi. "That'll teach him to be funny."

Tyrone Power was gazing into her eyes across the coffee cups. There was a world of meaning in his voice when he said "Let's get outta here."

Letter to Lottie

DEAR DEVI CAR,—
As I shall be away this weekend, may I offer a few words of advice on your behaviour during my absence?

Although you are not yet a year old, you have already attracted a great deal of public attention, and each week it becomes increasingly clear that, after being a problem kitten, you will become a problem cat.

Soon you will realise that there is a serious side to life. Tearing all over the house and smashing vases will, I hope, become a childish memory. You will want the companionship of other cats and some kittens of your own.

Regarding this approach to the serious side of life, I believe you are handicapped by being too clever. Already the story of how you opened the glass door of a clock, stepped the pendulum, set it going again and closed the door afterwards, has got all over the town.

It is also believed that your recent nervous breakdown was caused by an over-active brain.

While the intellectual advance of women in this present age is openly approved by liberal-minded men, I think, as you grow older, you will find that it is secretly deplored by all but a small minority.

Therefore, your undoubted mental gifts will get you nowhere in forming friendships with the rather bored, elderly tom cats who appear to be your only neighbours.

Although they were at first attracted by your youth and beauty, I think your name for being brazen is the reason why those two tough, rather dumb cats with R.A.F. whiskers, Wizzo and Bang On, run

up the street at your approach and seek the protection of their own firesides. They are plain scared of you.

Moreover, I don't think that cats who are getting on in life appreciate having their tails and ears bitten by boisterous girls with blue stockings and reputations. It's rather like dragging your grandfather into a game of hockey.

I also advise you to go carefully with your other elderly admirer, the black cat with the white shirt front, who is called Sir Fuss because of his aloof, aristocratic manner, and because he appears to be in perpetual evening dress.

The fact that he is always prepared for evening appointments but has none to keep, is no cause for laughter.

No doubt he was gay enough in his youth, though I don't believe he drank milk from actresses' shoes at Romano's. When we get old we are inclined to exaggerate.

If you wish to keep his friendship don't hand him smart, second-hand come-backs.

And, above all, don't use that terrible phrase "I couldn't care less." A bishop has already denounced it as a pitiful expression of youthful

cynicism. For once I am in agreement with a bishop.

If you are as clever as you seem, you will pretend to be a silly little thing, just bright enough to see his jokes and appreciate his wisdom, but no more.

That's how smart girls make useful friendships.

Party conversation

"MARGARET'S father's become an anarchist because without a Government to impose taxes we could drink all the whisky we want at the cost of distilling it."

"I'm sure the new look was started by a woman with ugly legs."

"It's no use saying people have no money to go to war with. That's what they said about Hitler."

"When Brenda's husband thinks of all the Danish bacon and eggs coming here, and what a mess she's going to make of his portion, he wishes he was back in the Army."

"My husband says the most logical thing about the political situation is that it was a Conservative who enfranchised women at the age of 21, believing they would vote Conservative."

"Margaret's father says no wonder there were so many Russian anarchists when you think of the price of vodka."

"I got so tired of reading that Irish election were unpredictable merely because they were Irish. What could have been more unpredictable than our General Election in 1945?"

"The English have fixed ideas about the Irish and nothing will change them."

"Margaret's father says half the troubles of the present day are caused by too many people chasing too few bottles of Scotch."

American Angle:

P.O. CLAIMS 15,000

By C. V. R. THOMPSON

PENICILLIN, life-saver for the world in general, has become a major problem for the 15,000 people of Pearl River, in New York State.

They are threatening to evacuate the town because they are all suffering from P.O. (penicillin odour).

The world's largest mass producer of the drug has its main factory at Pearl River. At first the people were proud that their town was going to save so many lives and happy that they would get £2,000,000 a year in wages from the factory.

But now, from tons of discarded mould, rises a pungent odour, like a brewery's smell multiplied a thousand times, which pervades Pearl River and all the countryside for miles around.

Recent step-up in production has made it so bad that some residents are considering buying gas-masks.

The company is begging the people not to move out yet. They are working on a solution, and promise it will not be long before they achieve it.

A FEW MILES outside Holly-

wood they began filming "The Grapes of Wrath" again recently.

The scene is America's greatest vineyard, Diglorios Farm, where a tenth of the country's wine grapes grow.

The characters are the lean and hungry fugitives from the Dustbowl who came to California with their families and possessions piled on old cars to earn a living and find a home.

But the new film version is not based on author John Steinbeck's bitter fiction. This one is real.

A trade union is making it to tell the public about a strike of which they have never heard—the longest farm strike in American history.

The 1,200 grape pickers working on Diglorios Farm have been out since October. They went on strike because the farm bosses refused to negotiate on their request for more pay.

A LAND built up by immigrants, the U.S. is at last preparing to resume controlled immigration. A Washington committee, which has been studying the problem for two years, will shortly recommend the admittance of from 40,000 to 60,000 displaced persons a year for two years.

HENRY WALLACE, for a Wall-street hater, has made a strange choice in headquarters for his presidential campaign. His office is on Park Avenue, New York's richest street. He will pay rent to a rich landlord in Wall Street. And next door is the Union League Club, more exclusive in New York than the Carlton Club is in London.

DR. IVANISSEVICH, the Argentine Ambassador in Washington, has been set the impossible task of obtaining an official invitation for the Peronists to visit the White House.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, eldest son of F.D.R.'s Treasury Secretary, has made his debut in opera in Washington.

BROADWAY says that Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh are leading in the West End race to procure rights for the American play of the year, "A Street Car (tram) Named Desire."

FROM an insurance company's report: More people were killed by donkeys' kicks in 1947 than by air-line crashes.

'THE BEWTFUL EMPYRE' IS CLAIM NO. 4

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WE had better start looking up the title deeds, for British Guiana is Claim Number Four from the new South American Conquistadores.

The claim will be along any time now—from Venezuela (she already calls her eastern areas Guiana).

There are three Guianas—British, French and Dutch. We gave the Dutch their portion in 1667, in exchange for New York, and the history of the whole region has been a tangle all along.

Around 1500 the coastline was roughly traced by the Spaniards. A century later the Dutch and the British were attempting to form settlements.

Then came the New York deal, and the next time that Britain really came into the picture to stay, was during the French Revolution, when

our fleet from Barbados captured Guiana.

We have it back to the Dutch, retook it again, and finally had British Guiana ceded to us in 1814.

"The large, rich and beautiful Empery of Guiana," Sir Walter Raleigh called it.

Twice he led expeditions to this romantic country, hoping to find gold. Raleigh was right about the gold.

'AN EL DORADO'

Remember the sensational "strikes" in the interior of British Guiana last year? The colony today is regarded as something of an El Dorado by the experts.

The boundaries with Venezuela have long been in dispute, dating indeed from the days of the 16th-century Dutch-Spanish quarrel.

After an international commission had made an award, we agreed with Venezuela on the boundary line in

1804. The King of Italy was arbitrator for the colony's other border with Brazil.

It was only last year that Venezuela wanted a trade agreement with British Guiana; oil and canned fish for sugar and rice.

But British Guiana has a great deal more to offer. She has gold, bauxite, diamonds, while 84.5 per cent. of her area is forest.

Secondary industries being considered in this colony, which Lord Trefgarne has just described as "of immense importance," are cement, glass, plywood, veneers, electro-cast blocks, sand and lime building products.

Other products for which the raw materials are present are pottery, earthenware, wood pulp, and chemicals. There is plenty of room for an expansion of agriculture, for only 0.3 per cent. of the land is cultivated.

British Guiana needs two things to set her on the road to a great prosperity—people and communications.

The size of Great Britain, she has a population of only 380,000.

By Ernie Bushmiller

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Gave False Statement To Revenue Department

Cheng Tin-sang of No. 12 Ying Fai Terrace, first floor, a director of John D. Hutchison & Co., Ltd., was fined \$200 by Mr. Clifford at Central this morning for furnishing without reasonable excuse an incorrect statement to the Commissioner of the Inland Revenue Department, regarding the ages and dates of birth of his children in connection with a claim for allowances of Tax on his earnings on or about August 23, 1947.

An alternative summons of furnishing the false statement willfully with intent to evade tax payable by him was withdrawn by the prosecution, when Mr. P. J. Griffiths pleaded guilty to the first summons on behalf of defendant. Sub-Inspector R. Grainger prosecuted.

It was stated in Court that defendant sent in a form to the Inland Revenue Department regarding the ages and dates of birth of his four children in August 1947, different from that which he had submitted in 1941. Enquiries revealed that there was a difference of three years in the dates relating to the first three children. Insp. Grainger said though there was no actual loss of revenue, the dates would have been accepted if the record of 1941 had not been checked, and an allowance of \$2,000 for each child would have been granted.

EVIDENCE OF CHARACTER
Mr. P. S. Cassidy told the Court that he had known the defendant for more than 25 years and he had absolute confidence in him. Since his partner died during the occupation, witness said he had invited Cheng to be a member of the directors of the John D. Hutchison & Co., Ltd.

Mr. Griffiths said his client on filling up these forms made a mistake in the dates when converting the Chinese calendars into the English dates and made a wrong calculation. As all the birth certificates of the children were lost, his client was only drawing on his memory.

In view of his good character and taking into consideration that there was no loss of revenue, Mr. Clifford said he would impose a nominal fine of \$200.

Tried To 'Touch' Fellow Villager

Hung Siu-lam was a most extraordinary beggar and he had a technique all his own. He was "begging" at Queen's Road Central on Tuesday when he saw a fellow villager.

"Ah, you are from the same village as myself. How about giving me some money to go back to the country?"

"Well, I've only got \$40," the man told him.

"Oh never mind, I'll take twenty," compromised Hung.

After he had obtained the \$20, Hung asked his fellow villager for another \$5 to see him "safely" back to the country. Hung's second request for money was seen by a detective who arrested him.

As a sequel, 28-year-old Hung was charged before Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning with begging for alms, and was sentenced to three weeks and expulsion.

Inspector Moran said the money had been returned to the man by the detective as the former was leaving the Colony that day.

Illegal Food Factory

A fine of \$300 was imposed on Wu Hoi, 41, shop proprietor, by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning for keeping swines without a licence and running a food factory without a licence.

According to the Health Inspector in charge of the case, defendant's premises at 12 Queen Victoria Street, third floor, were visited yesterday, and three pigs were found to be kept there. Defendant was also running a food factory, roasting meat and poultry. The business had been going on for 16 months and defendant made a lot of money during that time, selling roasted meat to hawkers.

Defendant said he had meant to apply for a licence when he found a suitable place, but he could not find the proper premises.

Two KCC Social Functions

The women's section of the Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its first social function on Friday afternoon, when a bridge and mah jong drive will be held in the clubhouse.

Club lady subscribers who wish to make up tables are requested to inform the No. 1 Boy, and mah jong players are asked to bring their own sets.

On Saturday next another popular dance will be held at the KCC from 9 till 2 a.m. A dance band will be in attendance and tables may now be booked at the clubhouse. During the evening light refreshments will be served.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



Third instalment of a picture-serial thriller. Paula, the continuity girl, is worried; there seem to be too many accidents in the film studio.

Court Hears Story Of Attack On Hikers

Three Charged With Murder Of L.B. Wood

The Wood Murder case opened before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning when preliminary proceedings were heard against Lau Hoi, alias Lau Yun-hoi, 20, unemployed, Ho Cheuk-kui, 26, unemployed, and Li Chung-chun, alias Li Chik-sang, 32, gardener of 377, The Peak; accused of the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood at a path leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on February 11. The three men are also charged with robbing G. R. Ross who was hiking with Wood on that day.

A fourth man, Kong Lok, 44, unemployed, jointly charged with the accused, was discharged this morning when Det-Sub-Inspector Matches told the magistrate that he had been instructed to adduce no evidence against him.

Opening the case for the Crown, Inspector Matches said that at about 3 p.m. on February 11, which was the second day of the Chinese New Year, Mr. Ross of Kimberley Road left his house with the late Mr. Wood in a taxi. They alighted from the car at Tai Po Road near the reservoir and walked by the catchwater at the base of Lion Rock up the path to Kowloon Pass. About one-third of the way up they met four Chinese men who set upon them.

DUMPED IN THICKET
They were overcome, ragged and bound. Mr. Ross was dumped in a thicket covered by undergrowth and it was not till later, after the robbers had left, that he discovered his friend, the deceased, lying face downwards in a pool nearby with a rock on his back.

Finding his friend beyond all human aid, Mr. Ross retraced his way over the hill to Kowloon City Police Station. He met a Chinese man on the way who untied his hands which were tightly bound with wire.

The Police proceeded immediately to the spot. It was very dark then. They found the deceased in the same position and removed his body to the mortuary.

Mr. Ross went to Kowloon Hospital for treatment. Enquiries proceeded and on February 23 information came to light whereby Lau and Ho were arrested at 6 a.m. at the Sang Lee Yuen, gardens, Nga Tin Wai Village, Kowloon City. That same night, Lau made a statement to the Police and later Ho also made a statement which would be produced in evidence.

On March 6, the Police received further information as a result of which Lee was questioned at 377 The Peak where he was working as a gardener. His answers and explanations proving unsatisfactory he was taken to the Kowloon City Police Station for further questioning. On instructions, he was detained over that week-end under a banishment warrant and on March 8 he made a statement to the Police as a result of which he was charged with the present offences.

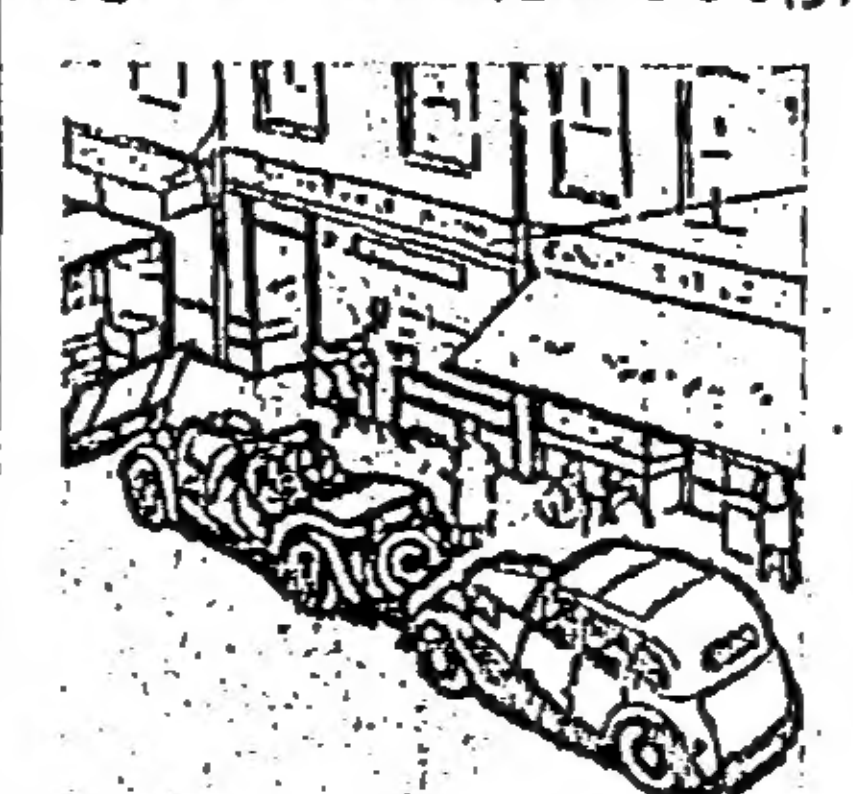
19 WOUNDS
Dr. R. E. Alvarez of the Kowloon Mortuary who conducted a post mortem said he found 19 wounds, bruises and abrasions on the head, shoulder, lips and hands of the deceased. The cause of death was asphyxia brought about by drowning.

When the accused were asked whether they had any questions to put to the doctor, Lau said "When I was arrested, I did not know the reason why. The Police took me to a dark room and struck me with fists and truncheons."

George Ronald Ross, principal witness for the Crown, described how he and the late Mr. Wood set out by taxi from Austin Road on February 11. They commenced their hike along the catchwater path which passes Beacon Hill and goes to Amah Rock. Just before the Rock, they ascended the path leading to Kowloon Pass. At that point near a stream, they stopped for a rest.

"I was standing and was talking to Wood. I was conscious that some Chinese were coming down towards us. I noticed that the four Chinese were coming down in single file on my right. We both moved over to allow them to pass. These four men began to pass us in single file. The first two had passed me when I was suddenly conscious that one of the last two men was striking out at Wood. The I was suddenly attacked by the first two men.

ROAD SENSE . . .



The saloon, by parking close behind the open car, has made things awkward for the owner of the latter if he wants to move.

"Hell Of A Crowd" Prevented Man's Arrest

What the prosecution described as a "hell of a crowd" became a contributing factor to the getaway of a man who had assaulted a Sanitary Department coolie.

The convicted was used this morning at the Central Magistracy when Lo Chiu, 21, hawker, was charged with hawking food at a place other than a public market and for assault with intent to evade arrest.

According to the prosecution, a raid was conducted at Sai Street on Tuesday morning and Sanitary Department coolie No. 9 found defendant with three other men hawking beef and pork at a stall. When the coolie attempted to seize the goods, defendant threw a stone at him. The coolie ducked but defendant took off one of his shoes and struck the coolie in the face. Because there was a "hell of a crowd," defendant made good his escape.

Another raid was carried out that afternoon, said Inspector Fox, and defendant was again seen. He arrested defendant.

Mr. d'Almada imposed a fine of \$350 or four months.

Alleged Assault On Taxi Driver

A Philippine, Olimpio Dulay, 20, steward on board the Turk's Head, was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning with evading taxi fare and causing grievous bodily harm to the taxi driver, Wong Hun, with an iron motor car jack at Wuhu Street on Monday.

Asking for a remand of two days, Sub-Inspector Howarth stated that the complainant was in hospital suffering from a double fracture of the left forearm.

Accused who admitted evading his fare but denied the assault, was told that a Filipino interpreter would be obtained for him at his trial.

This Morning In The Marine Court

For being underway without a certificated engineer on board, the coxswain of the motor boat "Hing Woo" was fined \$150 or one month by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning. Defendant pleaded that he had been given sudden orders to go out of the Harbour, with the result that the engineer, who was ashore, was left behind. Mr. Cairns remarked that he must have known that he was not allowed to leave without a properly certificated engineer, and added "I suppose he just took a chance."

The coxswains of two motor junks were each fined \$100 or one month for being moored in the Yau Ma Tei Harbour in the area reserved for Government craft. Both had been warned previously. They pleaded that they had to use that part of the waterfront to discharge cargo. They were going to obtain permits, but at 8 a.m. the office was closed. Mr. Cairns said that they should have lain off until they had got permits. It was important, he said, that this area should be kept clear.

The coxswain of the motor junk "Kin Kwok" was fined \$100 or one month for storing 350 gallons of diesel fuel in excess of the amount permitted by his licence. He pleaded that he had taken on this oil in Hongkong and was taking it to Yau Ma Tei to hand over to his agents.

The mistress of a passenger boat pleaded that the strong wind had blown her boat close to the Mau Mau Snare when she was charged with approaching within 30 yards of the vessel, which was still flying the immigration signal. She had a previous conviction for a similar offence. Mr. Cairns imposed a fine of \$35 or seven days.

Alleged Indecency

PLEA MADE FOR P.O.

Closing addresses in the trial of Petty Officer Bertram William Knight, 28, of HMS King Salvor, and Lam Lip, 24, tricycle coolie, who are facing charges of indecency, were heard before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det-Sub-Inspector A. Shaw, prosecuted, and Knight was defended by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber. Second accused is not represented by counsel.

Mr. Bernacchi, in the course of his address, dealt with the degree of drunkenness, and said that if the jury were satisfied that Knight was so drunk on the night in question, February 12, as to be incapable of formulating any intention of committing or attempting to commit the acts alleged, then he was entitled to be acquitted.

Mr. Lonsdale also spoke on the issue of drunkenness and its effects, and submitted that there was ample evidence that Knight was aware of what he was doing.

Mr. Justice Williams will sum-up this afternoon.

Manager Faces Forgery Charges

Allegations that on divers dates between November 11 and February 23, he forged cheques involving \$23,043 purporting to be cheques of To Chung, and uttered them at the Yuen Yuen Commercial Bank Ltd., Des Voeux Road Central, and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, were made against Wong Ting-lung, 38, manager of the Tung Hong, 360 Queen's Road Central, before Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning when Wong was charged with ten counts of forgery and ten counts of uttering forged cheques.

On the application of the prosecution, defendant was remanded for three days in Police custody.

Mr. Y. H. Chen appeared for defendant.

Russian Forfeits His Bail

A Russian watchman, Boris Markoff, 30, had his bail of \$50 forfeited by Mr. Clifford at Central this morning when he failed to appear to answer a charge of being drunk and incapable at the Lily Cafe, No. 7 Leighton Hill Road at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Insp. Brownrigg said that defendant was well-known to the Police in the Wanchai district.

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LEAGUE SOCCER

KIT CHEE STILL LIKELY WINNERS

RAF Routed By Sing Tao

Kit Chee retain their lead in the race for First Division League honours as a result of a two-nil win over Police at Boundary Street yesterday. Their nearest rivals, Sing Tao, beat a weakened RAF side by seven goals to one at Causeway Bay.

Kit Chee's two points over Police were not hard-earned. The Chinese won by two goals to nil, scoring one in each half. The winning margin could well have been wider but for much misplaced energy.

There were several occasions when possible goals petered out as a result of players being offside and several more when the halfbacks proved too fast for their own forward line. Wasted passes were, at some stages, one a minute.

The Police side was a hard-working one all through. The half-back line of Pope, Gordon and Ng Wai stifled many strong Kit Chee bids. The full-backs, Robert Ho and Lai Wai, were on their toes when needed and the goalie, Tsang Wing, was hard to beat other than with a slow ground shot. The two he let in were both of that type.

The Police attack lacked sting. There were short of co-ordination in the forward line and long-passing tactics failed as passes were continually intercepted just as the attack warmed up.

Kit Chee played well as a team. The Chinese attack was held down by good marking and the forward line's spirit appeared to wither as a result. The half-backs were well up with the attack and a good long kick from a Police defender would slow up the game while a Kit Chee full-back ran some 30 yards to kick the ball back.

The only Kit Chee player to star was the right-back, Cheng Ying-ki, who was a good spoiler on the few occasions when the Police broke through on the left-wing.

The first goal was scored in the seventh minute of the game, Wong King-cheung putting in an easy one between the goalie and another defender after a melee in front of goal. The second came after five minutes play in the second half on a penalty award, Kwok Ying-loh netting.

SING TAO WIN

At Causeway Bay, the Royal Air Force tried hard to keep Sing Tao down but the Chinese, eight of whom are on the Olympic team, were much too polished a team and over-

Indian Tennists Through

London, Apr. 6.—Three of the four Indian visitors playing today in the Men's Singles of the Paddington Club lawn tennis tournament here won their matches, the only one to lose being R. V. Madan.

All four were playing in the second round matches. Scoring many points with powerful forehand drives down the side-lines, Narenora Nath made a successful debut in tournament play in England by defeating A. D. Hunter 6-0, 6-1.

Surant Misra was brought to three sets by C. Howell, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. H. Bose beat M. Lucking 6-4, 6-0. In spite of a hard fight in the second set, after he had lost the first, Madan was beaten by his opponent, F. Wallis, the score being 6-4, 7-5.

Misra's match with Howell was a Davis Cup "rehearsal," for Howell is among those who have been chosen to take part in the Cup practice matches at Wimbledon next week-end, with a view to the selection of Britain's team to meet India at Harrogate.

Not once did Howell give the impression that he could master Misra, although in a scrappy second set he made fewer errors.—Reuter.

TODAY'S TENNIS

To-day's programme at the Chater Road courts in the Colony Open Doubles Tennis Championship will be, weather permitting:
Lee Chun-Kit and Y. Y. Lam v. C. F. Y. Wu and C. Lau (Court 4);
B. Szeto and Marland Ma v. Kenneth and Thomas Lo (Court 5).

whelped the Armen's defence. The match was marked by a considerable amount of mistaking, poor visibility and a sodden ground. The half-time score was 3-1.

KMB SWAMPED

At Happy Valley, Club over-whelmed Kowloon Motor Bus with an 8-2 win. The sodden ground conditions were not in favour of the Chinese side's short-passing game and Club's defenders easily broke up the Chinese attack.

The Busmen put up a game display but were unlucky in front of goal. Club's forwards were in fine form, with Weller, inside-right, the inspiration of the attack.

Top standings in the league table following yesterday's games are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kit Chee	27	21	2	4	95	43	44
Sing Tao	25	19	1	5	86	37	39
S. China	23	17	2	4	70	47	37
CAA	27	10	5	6	67	40	37
KM Bus	26	10	4	6	78	51	30



HOME FOOTBALL

Arsenal To Visit Portugal

London, Apr. 6.—Arsenal, prospective champions of the First Division of the English Football League, is to play two games in Portugal at the end of the current English football season.

Arsenal announced today that it would play the Portuguese Club Benfica, in Lisbon on May 3, and a selected side at Oporto on May 6.—Associated Press.

MAJ. BUCKLEY RESIGNS
Hull, England, Apr. 6.—Maj. Frank Buckley, Secretary Manager of the Hull City Football Club, which plays in the Third Division—Northern Section of the English Football League, resigned today because "for some time the Board of Directors and myself have seemed to disagree on policy."

Buckley, 44, is regarded as one of the most astute managers in British football. He specialised in making "stars" of players he found and developed from an early age.—Associated Press.

LEAGUE RESULTS
London, April, 6.—The results of soccer and rugby games played today were:

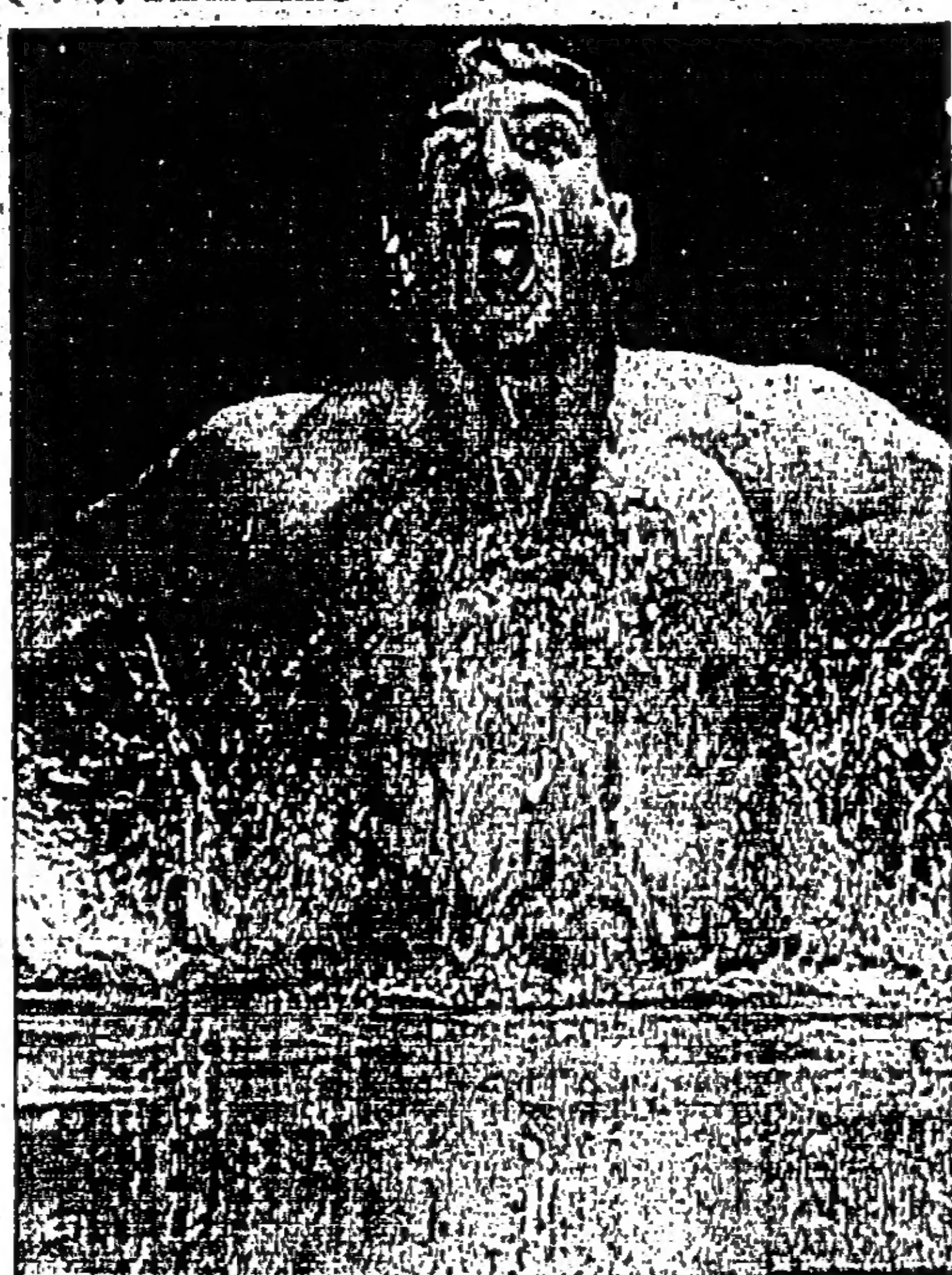
Third Division, Northern: Oldham Athletic 2, Barrow 1; Rochdale 1, Lincoln City 1.
Rugby League: Dewsbury 8 Warrington 14; Rochdale Hornets 10 St. Helen's 15.

Rugby Union: Falmouth 0, Cardiff 7.—Associated Press.

BLOW FOR NEWCASTLE U
Newcastle, Apr. 6.—Newcastle United, who are fighting for promotion into the First Division of the English League, received a severe blow when it learnt that George Lowrie, their expensive forward from Coventry City, may not be able to play again this season.

Lowrie, whose fee is estimated to be £10,000, hurt a knee on Easter Monday, and it has now been found that he also fractured a small bone in his wrist.—Reuter.

WATER BUTTERFLY



Don DeForest of the University of Pennsylvania swimming team demonstrates the powerful stroke that may get him a berth on the American Olympic Swimming Team for London. Here the ploughs through the water with the butterfly stroke in a Philadelphia pool.

BY "RECORDER"

French Threat In Olympic Swimming

ALEX JANY AND VALLEREY SHOULD TAKE GOLD MEDALS

The French team, paced by Alex Jany, a near-certain winner in both the shorter free style races, and by Georges Vallerey, backstroker, who is more than likely to take the event, are a formidable challenge to the United States in the London Men's Olympic Swimming.

With Japan out of the picture, even were they able to send the distance swimmer, Furuhashi, their only star performer today, there are no other team threats. Hungary is likely to place in every event but lacks potential gold medal winners.

In the running for places are Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Argentina, Brazil and Britain.

On paper the 20-year-old Jany looks good for two gold medals. Wally Rits is a threat over 100 metres and Jim McLane and Bill Smith over 400, but either of the latter two is a good six seconds behind at his best to date.

Latest Olympic intelligence is that the USSR is likely to compete. Should the Russians enter their breaststroke stars, Bolchenko and Meshkov, may prove too good for Joe Verdeur. The latter is, however, improving with every meet. Russia's participation could also rob Britain of its only potential place.

The following are the world's best performances over the standard Olympic races last year:

100 METRES FREE STYLE

Alex Jany (France)	55.8
P.O. Olsson (Sweden)	57.2
W. Rits (US)	57.6
E. Szathmari (Hungary)	58.2
B. Weinberg (US)	58.3
Bill Smith (US)	58.7
G. Kadus (Hungary)	58.8
M. Lundén (Sweden)	59.5
J. Marik (Czechoslovakia)	59.5
S. Rodriguez (Brazil)	59.5

400 METRES FREE STYLE

Alex Jany (France)	4:35.2
H. Furuhashi (Japan)	4:38.4
J. McLane (US)	4:41.0
Bill Smith (US)	4:42.5
J. Hill (US)	4:42.7
A. Vantorno (Argentina)	4:45.7
Ryan (US)	4:47
G. Mitro (Hungary)	4:47
M. Duranona (Argentina)	4:48.5
J. Hale (Britain)	4:50

1,500 METRES FREE STYLE

H. Furuhashi (Japan)	10:15.4
G. Mitro (Hungary)	10:20
G. Hoogerhyde (US)	10:44.2
H. Voss (Hungary)	10:53
W. Heuser (US)	10:54.8
Matt Mann III (US)	10:57.2
Jim McLane (US)	10:57.5
C. Oda (US)	10:59.9
Stewart (US)	20:02
G. Vallerey (France)	20:07

100 METRES BACKSTROKE

G. Vallerey (France)	1:08.8
Harry Holday (US)	1:09.2
Alan Slack (US)	1:07.8
R. de Groot (US)	1:08.3
Fonseca e Silva (Brazil)	1:09.0
L. Zins (France)	1:09
J. Kovar (Czechoslovakia)	1:09.2
B. Borg (Sweden)	1:09.2
P.O. Olsson (Sweden)	1:09.3
M. Chaves (Argentina)	1:09.2

200 METRES BREASTSTROKE

S. Bolchenko (USSR)	2:29.8
L. Meshkov (USSR)	2:32.4
Joe Verdeur (US)	2:35.0
Don De Forest (US)	2:30.0
Bob Sohl (US)	2:38.8

BOXING

One Olympic Event That We Can Win

By GEORGE WHITING

Forget the notion that our under-nourished, austerity ridden sportsmen will be pushed about by the world in the Olympic Games. In boxing, at least, we have better prospects than any other nation.

Our amateurs have never been beaten by an international team in this country. Since the war they have whipped America, France, Switzerland and Denmark, and shared honours with Ireland.

STOKER COOPER

One of the strong possibilities was on view at Nino Elms recently. If there is a faster or more furious young light-weight knocking on the Olympic door than Stoker Ron Cooper the West Ham sailor who holds the Imperial Services title, I don't know him. Cooper's boxing against Arthur Groves was good enough to beat any amateur of his weight in the world.

Yet we have an even brighter hope in the middle-weight class. If a "starting price" list were compiled of every boxer in the Olympics I think we should find Company Sergeant-major Johnny Ryan, 23-year-old Welshman in the Army Physical Training Corps, topping the list at the shortest of odds.

He has earned universal recognition as the best amateur boxer in the world.

FEATHER RIVALS

Feather-weight? Ask them on the Continent and they will tell you in all honesty that they have no amateur to compare with either Peter Brander, apprentice electrical engineer from Southampton, or Charlie Tucker, airman from Camberwell. The almost inevitable battle between these two lads for a place in the Olympics is going to be the scrap of the season.

Take it as an encouraging sign, too, that the acknowledged best amateur fly-weight in Europe boxes for an organisation known as the Victory Club—in Belfast—and has every chance of becoming our Olympic representative in the 8-stone class. His name is W. E. Barnes—and he is way up in the Johnny Hill category.



Japan Wants The Tote

Tokyo, Apr. 6.—The city government is seriously thinking of going to the dogs to pull itself out of the red.

The city fathers are studying a plan to build an open dog racing stadium this autumn to swell the depleted treasury by 250,000,000 yen per season—about \$1,250,000 at the current black market rates.

One hitch is the absence of greyhounds in Japan. But the dog racing committee hopes to get around the obstacle by using specially trained Japanese canines and importing greyhounds later in the year.

The present plan calls for the construction of a 400-metre oval track seating 20,000 with an 80-day season.—United Press.

Schmeling Not Wanted In United States

Washington, Apr. 6.—The State Department vetoed, for the present at least, former heavyweight boxing champion Max Schmeling's plans to return to the United States for a series of exhibition bouts.

Rep. John McDowell, Pennsylvania Republican, who registered a strong protest against the German fighter's proposed visit, revealed the State Department decision today.

The State Department pointed out in the letter that American consular officers in Germany are permitted to issue visas only to a very select group.

The letter continued: "As Schmeling does not appear to come within any of the categories, there apparently is no action which may be taken at this time with a view to providing him a visa for admission to the United States."—United Press.

GRAZIANO BEATS HORNE

Washington, Apr. 6.—The middle-weight champion, Rocky Graziano, came back after a 10-month layoff to defeat George "Sonny" Horne decisively in a gruelling 10-round non-title fight.

Graziano, who has not fought anyone but the New York and Illinois boxing commissions since he took the middleweight crown from Tony Zale in Chicago last July, won going-

away after taking a boxing lesson from clever Horne in the early rounds.

The champion entered the ring a three to one favourite but his timing was off and his Valley Stream, New York, rival stayed on his feet throughout.

Rocky donated his share of the gate to charity, collecting only one dollar himself.

Graziano will risk his title against Zale in Newark, New Jersey, in June.

He has been suspended indefinitely from New York State rings for failing to report a bribe offer. Fourteen other state boxing commissions have outlawed him "forever" because of his bad "war record." Graziano did not take kindly to army life and went AWOL which cost him one year on the Federal rock pile.—United Press.

WIN FOR PHILLIPS

Amsterdam, Apr. 6.—Welterweight Jack Phillips of Britain lost a hard fought ten rounds decision tonight to Jan de Bruijn, of the Netherlands.—Associated Press.

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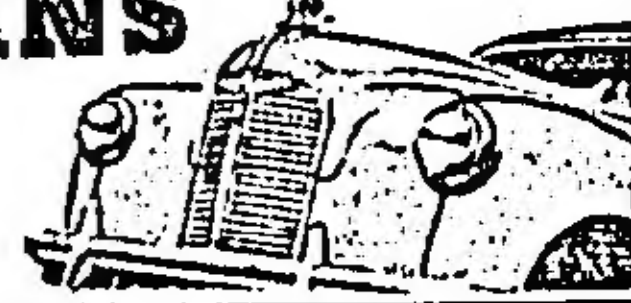
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ALEXANDRIA QUIET AGAIN

Alexandria, Apr. 6.—Alexandria, the second city of Egypt, was tonight almost back to normal after its 36 hours of disturbances over a police strike which cost, according to official figures, 29 lives and 220 injured.

An occasional shot was still heard until the curfew hour of seven o'clock, by which time the inhabitants had, for the second night, been indoors, but the tension had lessened and citizens hoped they would be able to return to a normal life tomorrow.

While the police, at the end of their strike, were taking over their duties from the military, there were still a few efforts by youths and a number of looters were arrested.

COSTLY LOOTING

Looting, in which uniformed figures were seen taking part, has cost shopkeepers thousands of pounds sterling.

The looters, who sometimes fought over the division of the spoils, opened a secret market in which they sold many articles, including silk shirts at 3/- each.

A perfume shop was broken into and bottles of expensive perfume smashed on the roadway. Responsible Alexandrians estimated the damage in the city at several hundred thousand sterling. Foreign shopkeepers, including Greeks, Italians, Jews and British, were speculating whether they had a claim against the Egyptian Government for the losses sustained.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Office of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Ordinary Annual Meeting

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Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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Jet-Powered Air Liner

Witley, England, Apr. 6.—Vickers Armstrong claimed the world's first flight by an all jet-powered air liner today.

The makers said that a Viking powered by two Rolls Royce Nann turbo-jet engines made its maiden hop with Capt. K. "Mutt" Summers, Vickers' chief test pilot putting the plane through its paces for 20 minutes.

No figures were given on its speeds.

The Viking carries 27 passengers when powered by conventional petrol engines.—Associated Press.

Bickering Over Arms Reduction

Lake Success, Apr. 6.—Andreï Gromyko today accused the United States and Britain of sabotaging the United Nations programme of arms reduction.

Speaking at a closed meeting of the Commission on Conventional Armaments, the Soviet Delegate said it was useless to discuss the British resolution on arms reduction since no agreement can be reached on it.

The American delegate, Frederick Osborn, challenged a Soviet declaration that the United States and Britain are leading an arms race.

Osborn declared that available information showed that Russia was spending twice as much of her national income on armaments than the United States.

The Commission decided to meet on Apr. 13 to continue discussion of the British arms reduction plan.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

Applications are invited for the post of Secretary. Preference will be given to applicants with secretarial and organizing experience. A knowledge of both English and Chinese is essential. Quarters will be provided if necessary. Applications stating qualifications, experience and salary required, should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 22nd April, 1948.

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Stafford Cripps's Startling Budget

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There was a saving of £400 million. Against this there was an increased expenditure of £20 million for education, £14 million for housing, £8 for the post office, and £143 million for the new health services. A total of £195 million, or roughly half the total saving.

"We do not propose to cut social services," he declared.

For defence, £693 million was provided.

FOOD SUBSIDIES

Food subsidies would be continued at the rate of £400 million a year, because "we are convinced that, although in theory they may be inflationary, in practice they have a precisely opposite effect."

They restrained the demands which would otherwise inevitably arise for increased personal incomes. The subsidy was equal to about 12/- to 14/- a week for every family. In addition, there was at least a like sum on social services.

The total revenue on the existing basis of taxation was estimated at £3,754 million in 1947-48, or a percentage of £2,976 million, or a prospective surplus of £778 million.

As last year, he would take powers to apply the budget surplus as it accrued to the reduction of the maturing debt.

The expected "red surplus" of 1948-49 on the existing basis of taxation would amount to £598 million. On the limitation of profits which the Government had announced from industry to match the stabilisation of wages, Sir Stafford said: "I propose to leave the matter until next year, by which time we shall see whether the promises not to increase the distribution of profits have been thoroughly carried out."

ONE DUTY ABOLISHED
There had been a "marked response" to the Government's appeal, and many reductions were already in operation. The consumers' operatives, in particular, had announced "most valuable" price reductions in essential foodstuffs which, he hoped, would stimulate others to follow.

Sir Stafford raised a laugh by saying he proposed to abolish the excise duty of 8d a gallon on unsweetened table waters.

It was not worth the trouble and manpower to collect it, he said. He then proposed to extend the legislation governing key industry duties for another three years. These duties were originally levied at the end of the first World War on essential industries, such as chemicals, optical and scientific instruments, to protect them against foreign competition.

He also proposed to extend for a further four years the provision for stabilising the margin on the Imperial Preference on sugar which expires next August.

MAJOR PROPOSALS

Sir Stafford then announced his major proposals:

ALCOHOL—The rate of beer duty would be increased to the equivalent of one penny—a pint of beer of average strength.

There would be a corresponding increase of £1 a proof barrel of whiskey, rum, and other spirits. That would be equivalent of 3/4d on a bottle of whiskey of the usual strength.

The increase would not apply to perfume spirits.

There would be a general increase in the rate of duty on wines corresponding to those for beer and spirits.

For heavy foreign wines, the increase would be the equivalent of 1/- a bottle and for light wines 6d. The rate on heavy wines from South Africa and Australia and other Empire countries would remain unchanged at the present level.

There would be corresponding changes in the rate for British wines—the equivalent of 6d a bottle for light wines and 1/- a bottle on the heavy types.

The new rates of duty would come into force from tomorrow. They were estimated to yield an additional revenue of £48 million in a full year and £41 million in 1948-49.

DEARER CIGARETTES

TOBACCO—It would not be advisable to make another very large increase in the duty, but it was necessary to draw smokers' attention once again to the need for economy.

He therefore proposed to increase the duty on tobacco by 3/4d a pound weight. That would mean an increase of two pence in the price of cigarettes at present sold at 3/4d for 20 and of one penny in those now sold for 2/6d for 20.

It would not be right that tobacco manufacturers should retain this "substantial and fortuitous" profit. He would therefore place a corresponding excise duty on stocks held by manufacturers as from today.

These changes were estimated to yield £20 million in a full year and £19-1/2 million this year.

BETTING—The collection of the betting duty had proved "easy and profitable." He proposed to increase the duty on football and similar pools from 10 percent to 20 percent after today.

He did not propose to increase the tax on dog track totalisator bets. There was, he said, a feeling that the betting duty should be extended to cover all other forms of betting, on and off the course.

That would be equitable, but could not be introduced without a radical alteration of the gambling law. "It is not my intention to introduce such a scheme now. I am considering the matter with the Home Secretary, but there are deep differences of opinion among the public."

BOOKIES TO PAY UP

Bookmakers operating on the dog tracks who were competing with the tote would pay a graduated licence for each meeting. Occupiers of the race-tracks would be responsible for collecting it and paying it to the tote. This would come into force on the 10th day after the Budget received the Royal assent.

These changes in the betting tax would yield £11 million in a full year and £8-1/2 million this year.

PURCHASE TAX—The various grades of the tax would be rearranged and simplified.

Goods bearing more than 100 percent tax evasion was widespread. Goods were driven on to the black market. Therefore, those now bearing a 125 percent tax would be brought within the 100 percent category.

Some reduction would be made by moving from 50 percent to 33-1/3 percent a number of goods, including gloves, washing machines, ironing boards, knives, forks and spoons, stationery, razor blades, tooth brushes, and sports goods.

Goods at present chargeable at 50 percent, which would go up to 66-2/3 percent, would include cloth, other than utility, non-utility furniture, soft furnishings, cameras, photographic films, and musical instruments, other than organs.

He would widen the number of exemptions from the tax on medicines to include a wider range of non-proprietary articles.

The reduction on stationery of all kinds should help education, he said. The new rate would come in on April 8.

TAX ON CAPITAL

SPECIAL LEVY—Various suggestions had been put forward for a capital levy, but from an administrative point of view, a capital levy in the ordinary sense of those words was impracticable at present.

On the other hand, it was "undoubtedly right" that those with large capital assets should make some contribution to help the country in this emergency. Some were now spending those assets in a manner distinctly inflationary in its effect.

He therefore proposed to make a special "once for all" levy which would be largely payable out of capital, and would be based on the investment income of individuals for the year 1947-48.

Investment income for this purpose would include all rents, dividends, interest and other payments.

The contribution would apply only where a taxpayer's total income from all sources exceeded £2,000 and in addition his investment income exceeded £250.

10/- IN £ MAXIMUM

The contribution would be 2/- in the pound sterling on investment income from £250 to £500, rising to a maximum of 10/- on an investment income exceeding £5,000.

It would not fall on capital in Britain owned by people who were neither resident or domiciled here, but persons domiciled abroad, in 1948 would be liable for the special contribution if they had been or directly resident in Britain for the last 10 years.

The date for payment would be January 1 next, when the surtax became due.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX—There would be a further relief from the entertainment tax on theatres, concerts, circuses, sports and other "live" entertainments.

These concessions, costing £4,500,000, would come into force on May 30.

INCOME TAX

INCENTIVES TO INCREASED PRODUCTION, the Chancellor said it was impracticable to abolish overtime and bonus payments from income tax as had been suggested.

The only practical way was to increase the earned income relief—the amount of a person's earned income not liable to tax—and to give relief on a graduated scale so that the great majority of all workers would be relieved from any liability at the standard rate of 9/- in the pound sterling.

He would, therefore, increase the earned income relief from its present level of one-sixth of a person's salary, with its maximum of £250, to one-fifth, with a new maximum of £400. That would restore the full pre-war rate of allowance and was an improvement on the pre-war limit of £300.

It would represent half a million people from payment of income tax at all and would reduce the rate of taxation chargeable to one's additional earnings (such as overtime and bonuses).

The total earned income qualifying for relief would be raised from £1,500 to £2,000. These changes

Coal Strike Spreads

Pittsburg, Apr. 6.—America's soft coal strike, already affecting 400,000 soft coal miners, spread today to the East Pennsylvanian anthracite field.

The miners reported for duty, but were refused work at a dozen collieries in this section of the coalfield.

A preliminary check showed that nearly 6,000 men were idle. A United Mineworkers official said the stoppage was "apparently in sympathy with the bituminous miners." — Reuter.

Japanese Recovery Programme

Washington, Apr. 6.—William H. Draper, Jr., Under-Secretary of the Army today disclosed plans for a Japanese recovery programme he said might continue for four years.

Draper returned today from a visit to the Far East.

He said that US\$150,000,000 for the first year of the programme is a beginning in an attempt to restore Japan to pre-war standards.

The money to which he referred is part of US\$220,000,000 already proposed to Congress for use in Japan, Korea and the Ryukyus Islands.

Asked at a news conference whether he thinks that amount will bring recovery, Draper replied: "I believe we will be surprised to see how much that amount will do."

Pressed for an estimate of the total length and cost of the programme, he agreed that it might extend over approximately the same period as the European aid programme—four years.

He said, however, that no definite division had been made on the length of the recovery drive.

Draper was accompanied on his visit to the Far East by Paul G. Hoffman, whom President Harry Truman today appointed Director of the foreign aid programme.

Other members of the Business Advisory Group just returned from the Pacific sat with Draper. In a formal statement the group said it has concluded that a recovery programme is "essential in order that we can reduce and eventually eliminate spending" for relief in Japan, China and the Ryukyus.—Associated Press.

Watches Justice Dispensed

London, April 6.—Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, who is in England to unveil a memorial to her husband on April 12, today visited a juvenile court in London to hear how British justice is meted out to erring children of London.—Reuter.

would cost £46,500,000 in a full year and £40 million this year.

CONCESSION FOR WIVES

He also proposed to give a wife in employment the benefit of reduced rate reliefs as well as her husband. The wife would enjoy precisely the same allowances as the single woman with whom she works.

That would cost £4,500,000 in a full year and £2,000,000 this year. Announcing a further concession, Sir Stafford said at present the first £50 of taxable income was charged at 3/- and the next £75 at 6/-.

He would increase this by enlarging the 6/- slab to £200.

Thus, in future, the first £50 would be at 3/- and the next £200 at 6/-.

After allowing for the earned income relief, these rates became effectively 2/5d and 4/10d in the pound.

Last year, Sir Stafford said, of the 18,500,000 people in the income tax field, 4,500,000 paid some tax at the standard rate of 9/- in the pound.

In future, fewer than 2,000,000 women have to pay any tax at the standard rate.

This relief would cost £50 million a full year and £44 million this year. The new scale would begin in the week beginning July 5.

It would be a cumulative relief as from the beginning of the tax year. The Chancellor said the final Budget surplus on the orthodox lines of accountancy came to £789 million. The overall surplus of all Government revenue over expenditure was £330 million.

For the Opposition, Mr Winston Churchill said that, generally speaking, he doubted if the Chancellor's Budget would be found to meet the real difficulties, or to apply the right remedies.

Commenting on the prospective surplus, he wondered whether greater advantage would not be gained by giving further relief to the taxpayer.—Reuter.

NOTICE

ANZAC DAY

Sunday, 25th April

A meeting is to be held at the COSMO CLUB 37A CONNAUGHT ROAD on Monday, 12th April at 5.30 p.m. to make arrangements for this year's ANZAC DAY Ceremony.

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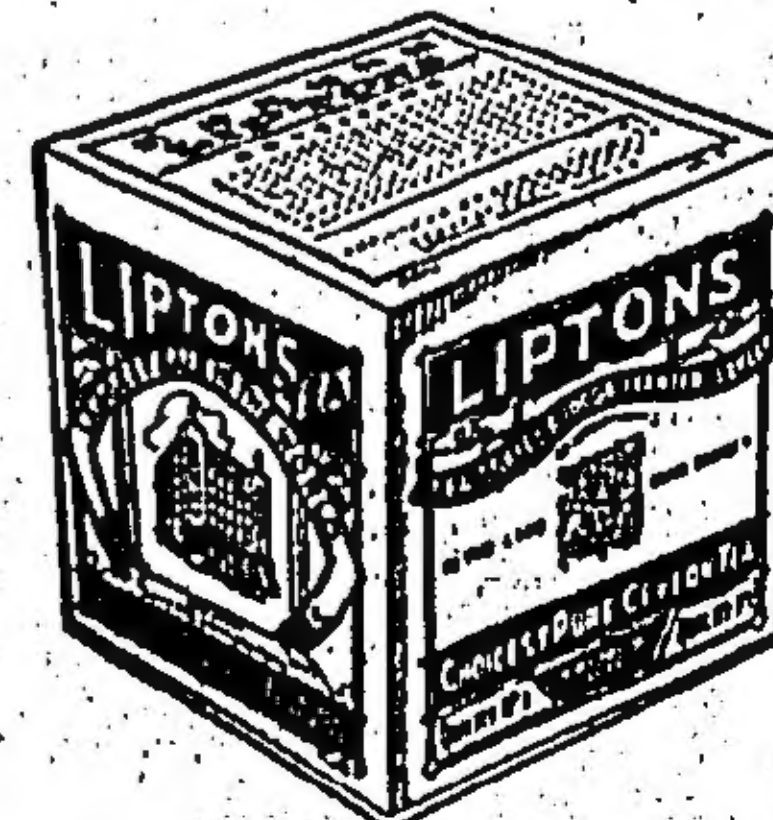


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